

# PHASES OF AMERICAN FORESTRY



A MONTANA FOREST SHOWING ALL STAGES OF TREE GROWTH

## TRAPPING OF WILD ANIMALS.

Jungle Creatures Have No Chance Against Ingenuity of Man.

"Elephants is easy trapped," said a zoo keeper. "Very easy trapped, very easy tamed. The trapper chooses a spot what is a popular elephant haunt, and here he digs a hole five feet deep and 20 foot square. He surrounds this hole with a high board fence, except in one place, where he hangs a swing gate. So far so good. Next he finds a herd of elephants, chooses the animal he wants, maddens it, and makes it chase him. Lickety-split, lickety-split. The man tears along on his nag, the elephant thunders closely after, and just at the gateway the man swerves to the right, but the elephant, too heavy to swerve, bangs right on through, kerthump, into the hole. He's mad at first, outrageous, terrible. But they give him no food nor drink, they build around the pit fires of damp wood that suffocate him nearly with the smoke, and they daze him with shouts and the banging of brass pans. That there wild elephant is completely broke and subdued in three or four days. He comes forth and follows the trapper humbly and timidly, with tears in his eyes. Monkeys is trapped—ain't it a shame?—with booze. You rush in among a flock of them, and they take to the trees, chatterin' and watchful. You pull out some bottles of strong, sweet booze, pretend to drink from them, then lay them down and go away. On your return an hour later the floor of the jungle is strewn with the limp, slim bodies of drunken monkeys. The only animal impossible to trap is the gorilla. Too strong and fierce."

## MIGHTY CITY OF LONDON.

Its Million Houses and Hundreds of Millions of Income.

The 6,500,000 people in Greater London live in 928,008 houses. The population 100 years ago was just one-fifth what it is now. Though the number of births was nearly double the number of deaths in 1904, the birth rate is steadily declining. The postal figures show that in 1905 there were 1,028 post offices in London, and 2,435 public telephones working. The total imports at London in 1904 amounted to \$849,065,000, and the total exports \$462,299,000. Some idea of London's wealth is shown by the assessed income tax value in 1904 in the administrative county, houses representing \$219,264,000, trades and professions \$364,045,000 profits of companies and other interests \$698,811,000, salaries (corporate bodies) \$115,044,000, salaries (army and navy) \$103,674,000. In 1905 there were 2,993 motor cars and 1,852 motor cycles in London. Licenses to drive were granted to 8,070 people, the fees received amounting to \$36,800.—Statistical Abstract.

## Two Men to Each Shovel.

There were two children to each pair of roller skates and very contentedly the archers hopped and slid along. "Two kids to a pair of skates," remarked the sailor, "takes me back to India, where they run two men to a shovel. You see, the Indian native is a weakling—no wonder, considering the hot, damp climate—and one man to a shovel is too strenuous. So with a cord tied to the handle down near the blade the shovel does for two, the man at the cord helps to insert the shovel by pulling toward himself and helps to lift and toss the dirt by swinging away from himself. Two men to a shovel is a characteristic of India and of no other country what I have ever saw."

## No Century Begins on Sunday.

There are some curious facts about our calendar. No century can begin on Wednesday, Friday or Sunday. The same calendars can be always used every 20 years. October always begins on the same day of the week as January, April as July, September as December, February, March and November also begin on the same days. May, June and August always begin on different days from each other and from every other month in the year. The first and last days of the year are always the same. These rules do not apply to leap year, when comparison is made between days before and after February 29.

## The Accepted Time.

"De choir am now about to vociferate," said old Parson Bagster, during a recent Sabbath morning's service in Ebenezer chapel, "and uh-whist dey am a-doin' of it. I solemnly suggests dat de mothers of dem sassy child'en dat has been uh-'sturb'd de congregation on dis occasion to spank 'em. Dis special song will rise loud and high, muh sisters, and so uh-whist yo' do yo' duty dees do it wid zeal and liberality. Spar de spank and spile de child—give it to de little varmints hot and heavy, and de Lawd will bless yo', and de rest of us will owe yo' a vote o' thanks. De choir will now po' fo' deir hosannas."—Puck.

## He Ate the Nail.

Two Marseillaises, says Don Vivant, were discussing the best method of eating game. "Well," said one, "if it is woodcock I hang it up on a nail by the beak, and fasten some larks to its claws. After a week I throw away the woodcock and eat the larks, which by that time have absorbed all the flavor of the woodcock." "I do the same," replied the other, not to be outdone, "except that I throw away the larks as well as the woodcock, and eat the nail."

## What It Costs to Die.

It costs us about \$125,000,000 a year to bury our dead in America. There are 6,000 funerals a day, and included in the expenses are coffins, caskets, metal or slate outside boxes, upholstery, crape, hire of horses, carriages and trains, purchase of cemetery lots and fees for the undertaker and minister.—New York Press.

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## LENGTH OF WALKING GOWNS.

American Women Not Following Fashion Set by Paris.

The walking gowns of the moment in Paris escape the pavement, and are therefore quite a bit longer than those worn here, but in the matter of the length of skirts the American woman has always overruled her Parisian sister. Here the walking skirt escaping the pavement by two inches is the correct mode, although many women, especially young girls, have them much shorter. Of course, the elaborate walking gown to be used for calling as well should be long enough to escape the ground as one walks and no shorter.

The Eton and the bolero jackets are and will be as fashionable as ever in Paris, and will therefore be the same here, for no garment was ever more universally popular among all classes of women who pretend to dress at all than these two, especially the Eton. Many little semi-fitted coats with skirts, and with their skirts beginning several inches above the waist line, and emphasized by several buttons at the back, are worn, while longer coats, even to the knees, are seen. Box coats and pony coats, in fact all sorts and cuts, are worn in Paris.

The two and three button cutaway coat made severely plain and worn with a plain skirt is a most fetching costume for the right figure.

Plaited skirts are almost universal because they are best suited to most figures, but the circular skirt or its modifications close at the top, and, falling from the hips in full folds at the bottom, is ideal in grace of line and in suitability to the figures well developed below the waist line. The figure that is not well developed reverts to the masculine type, and the flattened hips and other departures from the womanly figure should be concealed as much as possible by plaited skirts so cut and fitted as to give at least some semblance of the womanly outlines.

## When Rubber Grows Hot.

When an automobile is running at high speed the rubber tires are rapidly warmed and the heat sometimes becomes very great, with resultant injury to the rubber. The cause of this accumulation of heat in the tire is ascribed to the kneading of the rubber, which generates heat faster than it can be radiated away. For this reason manufacturers have found it to be an advantage to have metal parts in the tread, such as the ends of rivets, in contact with the tire, because the metal being a good radiator, helps to carry off the heat to the outer air.

## Bathers Grow More Wary.

"There is as much water in railway stocks as ever," remarked the financier. "Yes," answered Dustin Stacks, "but it's a little harder to convince the small investors that the water's fine and they ought to come in."

## The Other Woman.

A certain mother-in-law had stopped so often with her daughter as to cause a quarrel with the husband, and one day, when she again came to stay, she found her daughter in tears on the doorstep. "I suppose George has left you," she sniffed. "Yes"—sob. "Then there's a woman in the case?" she asked, her eyes lighting up expectantly. "Yes"—sob. "Who is it?" she demanded. "You"—sob. "Gracious!" exclaimed the mother-in-law; "I am sure I never gave him any encouragement."—The Bellman.

## Very Queer Newspaper.

The oddest newspaper in the world is one named the Wochenblatt, published in Gruningen, a small town of some 1,200 inhabitants, in the Canton of Zurich, in Switzerland. It is the only newspaper in the place, and is at one and the same time the organ of the liberal-conservatives and the social-democrats. Pages one and two belong to the liberals, and pages three and four to the socialists, and the two parties abuse one another finely in its pages.

## Might Be Contagious.

A young matron of Baltimore, upon entering her nursery, found her youngest in tears. "Why, what's the matter with Harry?" she asked the nurse. "He's mad, mum," explained the nurse, "because I wouldn't let him go to the Simmonses' across the street." "And why wouldn't you let him go, Norah?" "Because, mum, they're havin' charades, so he said, an' I wasn't sure whether he'd had them or not."—Harper's Weekly.

## Movements of Flying Fish.

The fish that have solved the problem of M. Santos Dumont are found in the Mediterranean, and in all seas of the tropics. Particularly in the Red Sea it is one of the chief amusements of the passengers of the great steamships to watch the flying fish. One sees them here singly and there in shoals to the number of over a thousand, leaping suddenly from the water, raising themselves into the air and darting like arrows for a long distance, to dive once more into the sea. Sometimes they ricochet along the surface just as flat pebbles do. This is only seen when the water is rough.

## Of Conduct.

Thou wilt find rest from vain fancies if thou dost every act in life as though it were thy last.—Marcus Aurelius Antoninus.

## Driest Place on Earth.

Twenty minutes of rain in a year is sometimes all that southern Egypt gets, and there is no dew in that country.

## The Modern Gentleman.

"Gentleman" is not a word now that describes a character, but a financial condition.—London Truth.

## On the Downward Path.

Emerson: We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count.

## Alaska's Tall Grass.

On pasture lands in Alaska grass grows six feet high.

## Play a Necessity of Life.

The gospel of play will, we are confident, win for itself a hearing as the gospel of wholesomeness and a fuller life. It will go far to create a better race of manly beings, a better social state and throw a new light on the pieties of grimness and "other worldliness." What we have said has been applied mainly to city life, to the overpacked and unnatural crowd; but it is applicable in a modified form to country life. The people who live among the trees and brooks do get, in spite of themselves, a certain relaxation, yet they need what they do not get—the useless sport, the utter relief for a portion of each day from "trying to make ends meet."—N. Y. Independent.

## Large Fee for Single Argument.

For a single argument before the United States supreme court Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to Great Britain, once received \$200,000. The effect of the argument was the declaring unconstitutional of the income tax.

## Furniture Mover's Advice.

A lady, who is a furniture remover, carrying on business at Maxwell, has on her vans the following appeal to the public: "Don't worry—get married—and keep on movin'."—London Evening Standard.

Plagues of the French Republic. The ranks of tramps and beggars that fill our highways become denser every day; it seems that a wave of laziness, false pride and demoralization is sweeping all over our land.—Radical, Paris.

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